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In re Application of
MATSUOKA et al. :
Application No.: 10/522,392 :
PCT No.: PCT/JP03/09487 :
Int. Filing Date: 25 July 2003 : DECISION
Priority Date: 25 July 2002 :
Attorney Docket No.: 12768/3 :
For: METHOD OF CUTTING MULTILAYER :
STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF
FORMING MULTILAYER CONTAINER
AND MULTILAYER PRODUCT

This decision is in response to applicants' reply to Notification of Defective Response filed 13 February 2006 which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.182. Applicants are requesting to change the name of the third inventor from Yasuyo Matsumura to Yasuyo Sano due to marriage. The petition was accompanied by an affidavit signed by Yasuyo Sano using both her former name and present name. The petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f) will be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1446, as authorized.

DISCUSSION

The Manual of Patent Examining Procedure at § 605.04(c) requires in cases where an inventor's name has been changed after the application has been filed and the inventor desires to change his or her name on the application, he or she must submit a petition under 37 CFR 1.182. The petition must include (1) the appropriate petition fee and (2) an affidavit signed by the inventor setting forth both names and the procedure whereby the change of name was effected, or a certified copy of the court order. The petition has been reviewed and is approved. The declaration submitted on 31 October 2005 is accepted.

CONCLUSION

The petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to change the inventor's name from Yasuyo Matsumura to Yasuyo Sano is GRANTED.

In regards to the "Change of Attorney's Address in Application" submitted on 13 February 2006, the assignee has not established its ownership to the application in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73. (See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure at § 324). Applicant must provide a copy of the assignment or indicate that the assignment has been recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (e.g., reel and frame number).

While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the instant petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address of currently of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the International Division for continued national stage processing.



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